



# MONROE THIS WEEK

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## GREETINGS FROM MAYOR THOMAS

*Hello! Thank you for reading my weekly newsletter. I am grateful to serve the Monroe community and look forward to hearing from you. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments for "Monroe This Week" or the articles included, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at [gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov). Thank you!*

*Yours in Service,*

Mayor Geoffrey Thomas



## MAYOR HAPPENINGS

### Clean-Up Update: City Parks and US2 Right-of-way

Thank you to everyone who contacted me about material in our City parks and on other properties. Over the last week, our Parks Department crews have been working to clean up areas in our parks. I appreciate all the work they have done - thank you.

To address concerns on other properties, the City has contacted the Washington Department of Transportation and BNSF Railroad about material on their properties that are within the City. This afternoon, WSDOT informed us that crews will begin clean up in the Highway 2 bypass properties next week. I thank WSDOT for the prompt response. I look forward to the work being completed.

Our Parks and Police Departments will continue identifying areas that require clean up. They will also continue working on other issues that have been raised about these properties.

I thank everyone again for reaching out to me. As always, if you have concerns about these properties, feel free to email me at [gthomas@monroewa.gov](mailto:gthomas@monroewa.gov).

### Webelos Cub Scout Troop

On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, I had the opportunity to meet with the Webelos Cub Scout Troop. I spoke with them about local government, what a mayor does, the role of our City Council, and how our form of government (Strong Mayor), works. We also held a mock council meeting to decide which flavor of popcorn to add. It was a great time and I thank the Cub Scouts and their troop leaders for this opportunity! Thank you!

## EVENT HAPPENINGS

02/07	City Council Finance/HR Committee Meeting, City Hall, 6PM City Council Regular Business Meeting, City Hall, Council Chambers, 7PM
02/09	Karaoke Night, Bella Balducci's, \$8.00, 7-10PM
02/11	My Heart Beats 5K, Evergreen Speedway, 6PM

Appointment Openings  
Salary Commissioner  
Ethics Boardmember (3)  
[www.monroewa.gov/vacancies](http://www.monroewa.gov/vacancies)  
Job Openings  
Building/Code Official  
Community Development Director  
Lateral Police Officer  
[www.monroewa.gov/jobs](http://www.monroewa.gov/jobs)

Mayor  
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Councilmembers  
Jeff Rasmussen, Mayor Pro Tem  
Kirk Scarboro  
Patsy Cudaback  
Kevin Hanford  
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**City of Monroe**  
**Year-to-Date Comparisons**

Sales Tax Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$308,703

'17 to 01/31/17: \$371,743

**UP \$63,040 or 20.42%**

Real Estate Excise Tax

'16 to 01/31/16: \$74,152

'17 to 01/31/17: \$59,971

**DOWN \$14,181 or -19.12%**

Lodging Tax Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$5,407

'17 to 01/31/17: \$4,581

**Down \$826 or -15.28%**

Business License Fees

'16 to 01/31/16: \$5,229

'17 to 01/31/17: \$4,108

**DOWN \$1,121 or -21.43%**

Building Permit Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$16,374

'17 to 01/31/17: \$39,220

**UP \$22,846 or 139.52%**

Planning Fee Revenues

'16 to 01/31/16: \$1,700

'17 to 01/31/17: \$625

**DOWN \$1,075 or -63.24%**

New House Permits

'16 to 01/31/16: 2

'17 to 01/31/17: 10

**UP 8 units or 400.0%**

Multi-Family Permits (# units)

'16 to 01/31/16: 2

'17 to 01/31/17: 0

**DOWN 2 units or -100.0%**

Building Division Inspections

'16 to 01/31/16: 131

'17 to 01/31/17: 242

**UP 111 or 84.73%**

**Get Involved**

Join the City of Monroe team by volunteering your talent and time to support City programs, projects, and events. Volunteering is an opportunity to learn about Monroe's diverse community, understand how local government works, and connect with other community members. The City offers on-going and one-time event volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in volunteering or seeking additional information, please contact Pam Baker at 360-863-4524.

**COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

The February 7, 2017, City Council Meeting agenda items include a discussion regarding a proposed Snohomish Health District Interlocal Agreement and proposed amendments to Monroe Municipal Code 20.05, Critical Areas. There will also be a presentation given by the Monroe Police and Parks Departments regarding the Coordination of Clean-Up in City Parks/Other Public Properties.

*\*Please note, the City Council Meeting on February 14, 2017, has been cancelled.*

**PROJECT HAPPENINGS**

**SR522 Update**

The 2017 legislative session is in full swing down in Olympia. We are working with our lobbyist and legislators regarding SR522. City staff will be working on obtaining letters of support from businesses and organizations to send to Olympia in support of completing SR522. Thank you for your continued support in the matter.

**EVENT HAPPENINGS**

**First Annual Chili Bowl**

The First Annual Chili Bowl was a great success! There were fifteen chili participants and approximately two hundred people came out to support their favorite business. Tasting the chili was free, but votes were a \$1.00 or a can of food. Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers, Snohomish County Councilmember Sam Low, and I, were the judges for this cook-off.

And the winners of the chili cook-off were...

People's Choice

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gold Spoon - Team Sam, Sam's Cats and Dogs;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Silver Spoon - Team Dutch & Dizzy; and
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bronze Spoon - Team Pill and Beans, Pharm-A-Save.

Judges Choice

- Meatiest Chili – Eric D'ancicco of Circle 7 Brew Works;
- Spiciest Chili – Dr. Smith and Brenda Hunt of the Monroe School District; and
- Most Original Chili - JVM Garden Keepers.

Thank you all who participated and attended this event! See you next year!!

## **SAFETY HAPPENINGS**

### **Safety/Wellness Reminder - Vehicle prowl prevention**

From Monroe Police Department: Vehicle prowl prevention - When parking and securing your vehicle, residents are reminded to: use a garage whenever possible. Park in well-lit areas where your car can be seen. Roll up the windows and lock all the doors. Secure the trunk, hatches, bed-mounted tool boxes, and canopies. Install an anti-theft device. Remove all items of value from your vehicle including loose change, electronic devices, clothing, gift cards, etc. If you hear something suspicious (shattering glass) or see someone looking into vehicles, call 9-1-1.